The Occultation of Jupiter, 1893 February 20. By C. Leeson Prince.

The weather was most unfavourable for observing this phenomenon, but through breaks in the clouds I was able to watch the gradual approach of the Moon towards the planet. Observation of first contact was prevented by a large mass of cloud, and when this cleared off the planet was very nearly occulted; but I was able to see the final disappearance, which happened at oh 33^m 31^s, L.S.T., but upwards of 14 minutes later than the time given in the Nautical Almanac. The atmosphere was in a too tremulous condition to observe whether there was any distortion of the planet's limb or any shaded line upon it.

I had no further opportunity for observation until 1^h 45^m 15^s, when the following limb of the planet was 8^m 30^s west of the Moon. I consider my new observatory to be 39 seconds east of Greenwich. Telescope is of 6.8 inches' aperture and 12-feet

focal length. Power 80.

The Observatory, Crowborough, Sussex: 1893 February.

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Observations of Brocks' Comet (g 1892) and Holmes' Comet (f 1892) made at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich.

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The observations were made with the East, or Sheepshanks, Equatorial, aperture 6.7 inches, by taking transits over two cross wires at right angles to one another, and each inclined 45° to the parallel of declination. Transits were sometimes taken also over a third wire bisecting the angle between the two other wires. Magnifying power, 55.

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